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I. Executive Summary

The 1st CCI-CBF Week was held from September 19th - 24th, 2016 in Castries, Saint Lucia. The meetings marked the first large-scale collaboration by the two organizations since the May 2013 CCI Summit of Political and Business Leaders in the British Virgin Islands to take stock of progress on the CCI Goals and CBF objectives. Going forward this relationship is expected to grow and result in many more collaborative efforts.

Over 80 participants from the three key constituency groups of the CCI-CBF family – country governments, partners and the private sector – came together to share their progress on attaining and supporting the CCI Goals, sharing lessons learned, discuss and find solutions for challenges, and chart the way for future steps in the 2020 process.

The key objectives of the CCI-CBF Week were to:

- Cement the partnership between the CCI and CBF,
- Demonstrate the interlinkages between the CCI Goals and the CBF and regional sustainable finance architecture.
- Discuss in an open forum the future actions, challenges and lessons learned to date from the CCI-CBF process, and
- Launch the CCI Council and set in motion the roadmap towards a Sustainable Finance Roundtable and 2nd CCI Summit.

Annex I contains the final agenda of the meetings. The CCI-CBF Week included the following:

- 9th CBF Finance Committee Meeting
- Windward Islands Marine Trail Working Group Meeting
- 4th CBF Annual Meeting
- CCI-CBF Solutions Dialogues Days
- 1st CCI Council Meeting
- Field trip to the Soufriere Marine Managed Area (SMMA)



Participants of the CCI-CBF Week

The following emphasizes the high level of interest and participation during the meetings:

- 9 of the 10 CCI Member Countries were represented (USVI expressed apologies for not being able to attend).
- The 10 CBF Participating and Observer countries were represented.
- 2 of the 15 CCI Private Sector Members attended.
- Approximately 20 partners and interested institutions were present.
- 3 Countries attended the CBF Annual Meeting as Observers – Cuba, Dominica, and Haiti.
- 5 of the National Conservation Trust Funds expected to become CBF partners attended the meetings.
- 4 Countries attended the CCI Council Meeting as Observers - Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Cuba, and Haiti.

CCI-CBF WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

CCI

- Haiti became the 11th country to endorse the CCI Goals.
- The CCI Council agreed to establish the CCI Steering Committee.
- The CCI Council agreed to establish the CCI Participants Assembly as the main body for bringing together the three CCI constituencies – governments, partners and private sector.
- The CCI Council agreed to establish a roadmap for a 2nd CCI Summit, including a Sustainable Finance Roundtable, as called for in the CCI Leaders Declaration.

CBF

- Haiti became a CBF Observer country.
- The Caribbean Biological Corridor became a CBF Observer.
- The CBF established its 2020 Strategic Plan with 3 main goals:
 - **Goal 1** - To build effective and reliable organizational structures for the CBF and Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture.
 - **Goal 2** - To expand the CBF's thematic and geographic scope.
 - **Goal 3** - To increase funding for the CBF and the Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture.

This report includes the following:

- Overview of the Caribbean Challenge Initiative and Caribbean Biodiversity Fund
- Outcomes of the 4th CBF Annual Meeting
- Summary of CCI-CBF week Solutions Dialogue Days
- Outcomes of the 1st CCI Council Meeting

II. The CCI and CBF

In 2008, a group of Caribbean governments launched the Caribbean Challenge Initiative (CCI), as an effort to chart a new course for sustainably managing the region's marine and coastal resources. From 2008 through 2013 the CCI went through a phase of engagement with additional countries and partners, which resulted in the establishment of a roadmap to conduct the 1st CCI Summit.

A Phase II of CCI was launched at a **Summit of Caribbean Political and Business Leaders** in May 2013 in the British Virgin Islands, and was co-hosted by Dr. The Right Hon. Keith C. Mitchell (Prime Minister of Grenada), Dr. the Hon. D. Orlando Smith, OBE (Premier of the British Virgin Islands), and Sir Richard Branson (CEO, Virgin Group). Demonstrating leadership, governments voluntarily reaffirmed and committed at that time to:

- **CCI “20 by 20” Goal.** In each participating country and territory, to effectively conserve and manage at least 20% of the marine and coastal environment by 2020.
- **CCI Sustainable Finance Goal.** To achieve the “20 by 20” Goal, to have in place fully functioning sustainable finance mechanisms that will provide long-term and reliable funding to conserve and sustainably manage the marine and coastal resources and the environment in each participating country and territory.

The Summit had several important outcomes:

- A coalition of 3 major constituency groups (governments, partners and private sector) began to take shape.
- Approximately US \$75M in funding commitments were announced.
- Nine governments endorsed a *Leaders Declaration* and 15 companies signed a *Corporate Compact*, formally committing to work together to protect at least 20% of the marine / coastal environment by 2020, and committing to 6 supporting actions (e.g. sustainable fisheries and sustainable tourism).
- A *Summit Communiqué* was signed by the co-hosts, which highlighted some new issues for further action under CCI, such as protection for sharks and rays and renewable energy.

The centerpiece of the CCI Sustainable Finance Goal is the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF), a regional endowment fund legally established in 2012 and which has already secured US \$42M of financial commitments, and an initial set of eight (8) National Conservation Trust Funds (NCTFs), which collectively form the **Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture**.

The CCI is supported by the CCI Secretariat, currently based in and hosted by the Government of Grenada, and whose main purpose is to support countries in achieving the CCI Goals and advancing the implementation of the CCI Strategic Plan by providing coordination, communications, and other support services to the three major CCI “constituency groups” (governments, private sector, partners).

The CBF is governed by the CBF Board and is supported by the CBF Secretariat located in Nassau, The Bahamas. The Secretariat is tasked with supporting the day-to-day activities of the CBF and fulfilling its mission.

III. 4th Caribbean Biodiversity Fund Annual Meeting

The CBF meetings were held on September 19th – 20th, 2016 and included the following:

- 9th CBF Finance Committee Meeting
- Training on “The Elements of Conservation Trust Funds Investments”
- Windward Islands Marine Trail Working Group Meeting
- 4th CBF Annual Meeting

This Executive Report focuses on the 4th CBF Annual meeting and key outcomes.

The 4th CBF Annual Meeting was Co-chaired by Dr. Jens Mackensen, CBF Board Chair, and Ms. Eleanor Phillips, CBF Board Vice-Chair. Permanent Secretary Sylvester Clauzel (Department of Sustainable Development in the Government of Saint Lucia) kindly provided welcome and opening remarks on behalf of the host country.

The meeting included the following substantive agenda items:

- Observer Status Requests
- CBF- FY16 Year Status Report
- CBF Financial Update and Investments
- CBF Strategic Plan
- CBF – FY2017

OBSERVER STATUS REQUESTS

Prior to the meeting two Observers requests were received by the CBF: i) Haiti and ii) Caribbean Biological Corridor (CBC).

The CBF Board approved both requests. Haiti became the third CBF Observer country together with the British Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The CBF will work with Observers countries on an action plan that would allow them to transition from being an Observer to a Participating Country.

On the CBC request, the CBC indicated its interest to explore the possibility of the CBF becoming a financial mechanism for the Caribbean Biological Corridor. The CBC and CBF will now conduct an assessment to determine how to build this partnership.

CBF FISCAL YEAR 2016 STATUS REPORT

The table below provides a summary of FY16 objectives, activities and their status.

Status Legend	
	Not initiated yet
	In progress
	Completed
<i>Italics</i>	Notes

Strategic Areas of Action	Objectives and Activities	Measures	Status
1) CBF Operations	A. Strengthen CBF Policies and Procedures		
	Develop and approve CBF Approval and Signatory Authorities Policy and Procedures.	CBF Approval and Signatory Authorities Policy and Procedures is approved at December 2015 Board Meeting.	5/13/2016
	<i>Completed</i>		
	Finalize Risk Registry.	CBF Risk registry is finalized by November 2015.	10/20/2016
	<i>Completed.</i>		
	Review and approve CBF Environmental Safeguards Policies.	CBF Environmental Safeguards Policies are finalized and approved by December Board 2015.	8/26/2016
	<i>Completed.</i>		
	Finalize CBF Secretariat Office Manual.	CBF Secretariat Office Manual is finalized by February 2016.	
	<i>In progress. To be finalized in FY17.</i>		
	Conduct annual review of CBF Operational Manual. • CBF Board Meetings	Annual CBF Operational Manual Review and changes are approved at	8/26/2016

	Motion Procedures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of Executive Committee. Review Conflicts Policy. 	by June 2016 Board Meeting.	
	<i>Operational Manual changes on Executive Committee and Conflicts Policy were approved by the Board on 8/26/2016. It was decided that specific procedure son how to approve motions are not necessary.</i>		
	B. Finalize CBF registration process in Bahamas		
	Registration Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain authorization from The Bahamas Investment Authority. Obtain business license. Obtain authorization from The Bahamas Central Bank. Open local bank account. 	CBF is fully registered by June 2016.	
	<i>Delayed. Further progress expected in FY2017.</i>		
	C. Strengthen CBF Finances and Accounting		
	Transaction Tracking System Policy and Procedures is fully implemented and operational.	CBF Transaction Tracking System is implemented and operational by December 2015.	10/202016
	<i>New accountants hired and setting-up new system.</i>		
	D. CBF Annual Meeting		
	Organize and conduct the CBF Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting takes place by September 2016.	9/20/2016
	<i>Completed as part of CCI-CBF Week.</i>		
2) Engagement with Participating Countries, NPATFs and Partners	A. Establishment of NPATFs¹		
	Provide advice, as needed, on finalizing constitutive instruments and other NPATFs document required	3-5 NPATFs are operational by September 2016.	

¹ This sub-objectives and target are not fully dependent on the CBF and relay on joint collaboration with country stakeholders and others partners.

	for operationalization.		
	<i>As of end of FY16:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 NCTFs have been legally established either through legislation or under the respective companies acts • 7 NCTFs have functional boards of directors • 5 NCTFs have approved their by-laws and an initial operational manual 		
	CBF Pre-financing for NPATF establishment and operationalization is implemented	At least 3-5 NPATFs access CBF and other Partners financing for NPATF establishment and operationalization.	9/30/2016
	<i>As of end of FY16:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 NCTFs (in Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, and Saint Lucia) have secured additional funds for their establishment and operations through the CBF pre-financing agreements and/or other partners. • KfW/SBF Support – KfW will support establishment and operations of NCTFs through a set of consultants and workshops to be hired and implemented by the CBF. • TNC/World Bank – Final steps are underway with TNC/World Bank to coordinate support for NCTFs establishment and operations. 		
	Assist in design and attend NPATF Board and staff trainings.	CBF assists in design and participates in 2-3 NCTF Board and Staff Trainings by September 2016.	
	B. Execution of Partnership Agreements with NCTFs.		
	Execute Vertical Agreements with NPATFs that are declared eligible by the CBF.	3-5 Partnership Agreements executed by September 2016.	
	<i>3 NCTFs have submitted their CBF eligibility requests and one Partnership Agreement is in final stages of negotiations. Negotiations with the other two trust funds are expected to begin in October 2016.</i>		
	Begin CBF Payments to NPATFs.	1-3 NCTFs have received CBF Payments by September 2016.	
	C. Establishment of Sustainable Finance Mechanisms²		
	Provide strategic and	1-2 NCATFs have selected	

² This sub-objectives and target are not fully dependent on the CBF and rely on joint collaboration with country stakeholders and others partners.

	technical advice on selection and design of sustainable finance mechanisms. Strategy and technical support.	and included in their Annual Work Plan the design and implementation plan of at least one sustainable finance mechanisms that would serve as match for CBF Payments by September 2016.	
	<i>Completed</i>		
	D. Establishment of Partnership		
	As part of the CBF 2020 Strategic Plan Development, identify and establish priorities for engaging with select partners. Conduct a Potential Partnerships Analysis- Regional, Global, Multilateral and Bilateral	Identify key partners and areas of engagement by December 2015 as part of CBF Strategic Plan process.	
	<i>Completed.</i>		
	Develop agreement with new partners as necessary.	Draft at least 1 MOU with a Partner by August 2016.	
<i>MOU with CCI Secretariat is on final stages of development and signature.</i>			
3) CBF 2020 Strategic Plan	A. Design of a CBF 2020 Strategic Plan		
	Establishment of targets and milestones.	Strategic Plan goals, strategies and indicators are agreed by December 2015.	
	<i>Completed. Targets and milestones pre-approved by CBF board during CBF 4th Annual Meeting.</i>		
	Finalize Strategic Plan.	Strategic Plan is approved by March 2016 Board Meeting.	
	<i>Completed. Strategic Plan pre-approved by CBF board during CBF 4th Annual Meeting.</i>		
4) Fundraising	A. Formalize CBF Pledges and Commitments		
	Finalize Financing Agreement with UNDP-Jamaica.	Draft Financing Agreement by December 2015.	
		Financing Agreement	

	Executed by March 2016.		
	<i>Completed.</i>		
	B. Establish a Phase II Fundraising Strategy		
	Establish Phase II Capitalization Fundraising target.	CBF Phase II Capitalization Target is established by December 2016.	
	<i>Completed.</i>		
	Design and establish a Fundraising Strategy and Action Plan as part of the CBF 2020 Strategic Plan.	CBF Fundraising Strategy and Action Plan are established and approved by March 2016 Board Meeting.	
	<i>Completed.</i>		
	Identify prospective donors (public, private/corporate, foundation and others).	At least 2-3 prospective donors/funding streams are clearly identified by the Strategy and Action Plan.	
5) Marketing, Communications, and Events	A. Establish a Marketing and Communications Strategy		
	Establish a Marketing and Communications Strategy as part of the CBF 2020 Strategic Plan.	CBF Marketing and Communications Strategy is established and approved by March 2016 Board Meeting.	
	<i>Under development together with Fundraising Consultant. To be finalized in FY17.</i>		
	Strengthen the CBF's on-line presence. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen content.• Translate content to Spanish.	CBF Website content is reviewed and translated to Spanish by August 2016.	
	<i>Completed.</i>		
	Develop and publish CBF Newsletter³.	First CBF newsletter is published by June 2016.	
	<i>Under development together with CCI.</i>		
	Develop CBF Start-up Phase Report (FY14, and FY15 activities and annual accounts) as a marketing	CBF Start-Up Phase Report is designed and published by August 2016.	

³ CBF Newsletter may be developed in collaboration with CCI.

	material.		
	<i>Completed. This is now included as part of the Strategic Plan.</i>		
	Develop CBF Strategic Plan brochure Develop FY14.	CBF Strategic Plan brochure is finalized by August 2016.	
	<i>Brochure will be developed once final Strategic Plan text is finalized.</i>		
	Increase CBF national, regional and international visibility through select events.	CBF is represented in at least 2 national, regional or international events that advance the CBF objectives.	
	<i>Completed. The CBF participated in the following key events during FY16:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>International Forum of Biodiversity (Dominican Republic)</i> • <i>Latin America and Caribbean Conservation Trust Funds Network (RedLAC Assembly).</i> • <i>Blue Growth Week (Grenada)</i> • <i>IUCN World Conservation Congress in which the CBF highlighted in 8 side events.</i> 		

CBF FINANCIAL UPDATE AND INVESTMENTS

As of September 18th the CBF endowment value was at \$31,927,608.97.

UBS, the CBF investment manager, provided short remarks on its role as investment manager. They also shared a historical overview of the behavior of markets. In addition, they also provided a historical perspective on CBF investments indicating that the CBF investments started during a period of economic turbulence. This time period was one in which the CBF engaged in a low interest environment.

The following summarize the CBF endowment performance:

- Net Rate of Returns 10/10/2013 – 09/13/2016: 2.8%
- Net Rate of Returns CY 2014 12/31/2013 – 12/31/2014: 5.34%
- Net Rate of Returns CY 2015 12/31/2014 – 12/31/2015: -2.77%
- Net Rate of Returns Year to date 12/31/2015 – 09/13/2016: 3.41%

The points below summarize UBS interventions on the historical overview.

- Historical returns have factored in interest rates that are higher than present. For most of the past 30 years, interest rates on high quality bonds have averaged over 6.00%. With a majority of bonds at 6.00% and a minority allocation to higher-risk assets including equities and real estate, it was easier to achieve a 7.00% target return.
- Bond yields in Germany, France, Switzerland and Japan are now negative. In the United States the 10-year government bond has a 1.72% yield. We are in a changed environment. Unfortunately, bond prices devalue as interest rates rise. Therefore, as interest rates go back up, which is anticipated over the coming three years, the return on bonds will include the positive effect of yield and the negative effect of devaluation.
- In the past 10 years, international developed fixed income has averaged a 3.66% return and U.S. fixed income a 4.89% return. UBS Economists forecast for the next 10 years international developed fixed income to average 3.96% and U.S. fixed income 2.71%. This is a 10 year forecast, but involves a significant rise in yields, most of which should occur in the next three years. If that occurs as predicted, total returns for bonds are likely to be very low for the three-year period.

CBF STRATEGIC PLAN

The CBF Board pre-approved the CBF 2020 Strategic Plan, which will guide the work of the CBF during the next four (4) years. The Plan includes 3 Goals and 8 Strategies that support these:

Goal 1: To build effective and reliable organizational structures for the CBF and Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 1: Contribute to the achievement of international, regional, and national conservation targets. • Strategy 2: Complete establishing the CBF's and the Architecture's operations, policies and procedures, and structures capable of attracting multiple donors. • Strategy 3: Strengthen engagement and build partnerships with governments, civil society, and regional actors. • Strategy 4: Build the visibility of the Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture and ensure effective communications with relevant actors.
Goal 2: To expand the CBF's thematic and geographic scope.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 5: Design and establish new regional thematic funding windows.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 6: Incorporate new geographies as CBF partners.
Goal 3. To increase funding for the CBF and the Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 7: Test the CBF's fundraising potential and define what is the Architecture's goals for "financial sustainability". • Strategy 8: Support efforts of the NCTFs to attract other sources of funding.

The final Strategic Plan will be distributed to all participants of the CCI-CBF Week once the comments provided during the meeting are incorporated and the document is fully approved by the Board.

CBF FISCAL YEAR 2017

This section of the meeting focused on three sub-agenda items: i) approval of the CBF FY2017 Annual Work Plan, ii) approval of the CBF Secretariat FY2017 Budget, and iii) appointment of the CBF CEO.

CBF FY2017 Annual Work Plan

The CBF Board pre-approved the CBF FY2017 Annual Work Plan. The Annual Work Plan already responds to and is based on the CBF 2020 Strategic Plan that was pre-approved. Changes to the Strategic Plan will be reflected in the Annual Work Plan. However, in general terms the CBF FY17 Annual Work Plan will focus on the following broad areas:

- Strengthen CBF institutional framework, finances and accounting, including its operational sustainability.
- Support Establishment of NCTFs and their sustainability.
- Signature of Partnership Agreements with National Conservation Trust Funds (NCTFs).
- Support process for NCTFs conservation action and plans.
- Support establishment of sustainable finance mechanisms.
- Establish key partnerships.
- Establish a Marketing and Communications strategy.
- Explore potential and establish concrete steps for the CBF's thematic and geographic expansion.

CBF Secretariat FY2017 Budget

The CBF Board approved the CBF Secretariat budget in the amount of US\$658,320.00 which is supported through three different sources:

CBF Secretariat FY2017 Budget	
Source	Amount (US\$)

CBF endowment	242,000.00
The Nature Conservancy	53,000.00
German Government through KfW	363,320.00 ⁴
Total	658,320.00

It is important to note that the resources and support provided by TNC are directly administered/managed by TNC, while the resources provided by KfW are administered by the CBF.

This budget, and in particular the assistance provided by TNC and KfW, will allow the CBF to continue to support with technical and other assistance the establishment and operations of the NCTFs.

Appointment of the CBF CEO

The CBF Board reappointed Mr. Yabanex Batista as the CBF CEO for the period of January 15th, 2017 – January 14th, 2018.

The final CBF Annual Work Plan and budget will become part of the official minutes of the 4th CBF Annual Meeting. The minutes will also contain all the approved motions. These documents will be made available to the CCI-CBF Week participants.

IV. CCI-CBF Solutions Dialogue Days

The CCI-CBF Week included two days of “Solutions Dialogues” which served as a framework to promote collective thinking around key topics related to the establishment and lessons learned on the CCI and overall sustainable finance architecture, and key topics for the future. The Solutions Dialogue Days included 7 sections described below. Specific details on the panelists are included in Annex I.

COUNTRY UPDATES: CCI and the Sustainable Finance Architecture

This session focused on providing a general update on the regional aspects related to the CCI and CBF, as well as updates at the national level. The CCI and CBF Secretariat provided general updates on the regional aspects related to the CCI and CBF respectively. Each CCI/CBF government presented their progress towards achieving the CCI Goals.

⁴ Sponsored by the German Government (BMZ). Amounts in USD based on a US\$1.0 = 1.1 Euros exchange rate.

PANEL I: Implementing the CCI's 20-by-20 Goal: Achievements and Lessons

This panel highlighted case studies of national and regional projects and initiatives that have supported CCI governments in achieving the 20-by-20 CCI Goal (CCI Goal 1). The panelists provided details on the steps taken to expand marine protected area and/or marine managed areas systems as well as other actions related to effective management of the marine and coastal resources. Panelists also addressed the challenges and lessons learned in moving towards to the 20-by-20 Goal.

PANEL II: Implementing the CCI's Sustainable Finance Goal: Achievements and Lessons

This panel focused on case studies on the establishment of the National Conservation Trust Funds (NCTFs) that are expected to become CBF eligible and part of the Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture. Establishment of the NCTFs is a key contribution to the sustainable finance goal of the CCI (CCI Goal 2). The panelists provided details on the steps taken to design and establish the NCTFs, as well as analyzing challenges and lessons learned.

PANEL III: Sustainable Finance Mechanisms

This panel emphasized case studies of national and regional sustainable finance mechanisms that are being designed and established in the region and which will contribute to achieving the sustainable finance goal of the CCI (CCI Goal 2) as well as the CBF match requirements. The panelists gave details on the steps taken to design and start implementing the mechanisms, as well as analyzing challenges and lessons learned.

PANEL IV: Tourism and Conservation: Impacts and Opportunities

This panel highlighted the links between tourism and conservation. The panelists addressed how tourism can be the source of impacts on conservation but also become an opportunity and key ally to advance the conservation action agenda, including providing additional financial resources.

PANEL V: Engaging Civil Society in Achieving the CCI Goals

This panel focused on the importance of further engagement of Caribbean civil society in the CCI at the regional and national levels. The panelists addressed how civil society is already actively engaged in conservation and sustainable development in the region and how this sector can become an integral part of delivering the CCI Goals:

PANEL VI: A Partnership for Regional Environmental Action

This panel highlighted the experience of CCI and CBF countries and territories, and partners in joining the CCI and CBF. Why they joined? What can be accomplished through CCI and CBF for the region? What are the challenges and what needs to improve and be adapted? And where can the CCI and CBF go next? The panel will also address the motivation and interest of new actors (countries, territories and partners) that are interested in engaging with the CCI and CBF.

V. 1st Caribbean Challenge Initiative Council Meeting

The Caribbean Challenge Initiative held its 1st CCI Council Meeting on Friday 23rd September in Castries, Saint Lucia. This meeting was the culmination of the CCI-CBF Week (September 19th – 24th) co-organized by the Caribbean Challenge Initiative (CCI) and the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF).

The Council Meetings was co-chaired by the Hon. Ambassador Lutz Görgens (Germany) and the Hon. Minister Kenred Dorsett (Minister of Environment and Housing, The Bahamas). The following highlight the high level of interest and participation obtained during the Council meeting:

- 9 of the 10 Member Countries were represented (USVI expressed apologies for not being able to attend).
- 2 of the 15 Private Sector Members attended – Tropical Shipping and Sandals Foundation.
- 4 Countries attended as observers – Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica, Cuba, and Haiti.
- Several CCI Partners were joined by many new ones in attendance.

ISLANDS COMMITMENT & THE SDGs

Ms. Kate Brown, Executive Director of the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) offered an insightful overview of how the UN Sustainable Development Goals are reshaping the global policy dialogue and financing around conservation, climate change and sustainable development.

The Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) assists islands in addressing one of the world's greatest challenges — to conserve and sustainably utilize invaluable island natural resources that support people, cultures and livelihoods in their island homes around the world.

It is a voluntary partnership for all islands, regardless of size or political status, to take bold steps to build resilient and sustainable island communities through innovative partnerships. It provides a global platform that enables islands to work together to develop solutions to common problems and to take high-level commitments and actions that address these global challenges.

In her remarks Ms. Brown indicated that initiatives such as the [Caribbean Challenge Initiative](#), the [Micronesia Challenge](#), and the [Aloha Challenge](#) offer a unique opportunity to bring together actions around biodiversity conservation, addressing climate change and sustainable development in a unique way. The political commitment demonstrated by islands through these initiatives has been key to attract partners and raise the islands agenda in the international arena. An important feature of all these challenge, which work as sister initiatives, is that all have been learning from and promoting each other, which has helped in raising the profile of islands and their commitments.

A key recommendation from Ms. Brown was to align the goals, work and achievements of the CCI and its members to the UN SDGs. This will in turn be key in securing financial and technical resources from donors and partners.

At this session it was also mentioned that the CCI and CBF will be working with GLSIPA on developing a CCI Tracking Dashboard.



[UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)

CCI STATUS

The CCI Secretariat presented a report to the CCI Council that gave an account of the following,

- A detailed background on the creation of the CCI,
- A review of the two CCI Goals, i) 20 by 20 and ii) Sustainable Financing,
- A brief description of the CBF,
- A list of the Member Countries,
- A review of Phase II (May 2013) and its outcomes, the Leaders Declaration and Corporate Compact,
- A review of the CCI Structure (its coordination mechanisms),
- Recognition of the donors to the CCI process and the CBF Endowment.

Under the CCI, visionary leaders of Caribbean countries have come together with responsible business leaders and partners such as funding agencies to take collaborative action to protect and sustainably manage the Caribbean's marine and coastal environment. This involves governments, private sector organizations and non-government partners in a unique coalition.

At the heart of the CCI are two overarching, time-bound goals:

- (i) to effectively conserve at least 20% of the near-shore marine environment by 2020; and
- (ii) to put in place sustainable funding mechanisms that will provide the reliable and long-term funding needed to accomplish and maintain the 20-by-20 goal.

The origins of CCI can be traced to the growing recognition by Caribbean governments, private sector, civil society, and partners that the Caribbean's marine and coastal resources – particularly coral reefs and associated habitats and fisheries – provide a foundation for jobs, incomes and overall economic prosperity, and that these resources are in sharp decline. It is important to now acknowledge that the resources are now in decline at a faster rate than when the CCI was started.

Phase I – 2008 to 2012

The first Phase of the CCI was launched at the 9th Conference of the Parties of UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP-9) in Bonn, Germany 1 May 2008. At this occasion The Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Grenada, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines pledge to protect at least 20 percent of their marine and coastal habitats by 2020.

During this Phase the coalition of governments, partners, and private sector actors grew as part of the preparation process for the Summit of Caribbean Political and Business Leaders (see below).

Phase II – 2013 to 2018

The second and current phase of CCI was launched at a Summit of Caribbean Political and Business Leaders during May 2013 in the British Virgin Islands, co-hosted by Prime Minister, Dr. the Right Honorable Keith Mitchell of Grenada, Premier Orlando Smith of the British Virgin Islands, and Sir Richard Branson (CEO of the Virgin Group).

At the Summit, eight government leaders signed a Leaders Declaration, which included a strong commitment to achieving the 20 by 20 Goal and a commitment to take action on six specific themes, including, for example, sustainable tourism, sustainable fisheries and coastal adaptation to climate change. In addition to these eight governments, senior officials of 7 other Caribbean governments attended the Summit as observers. At the Summit, 15 companies signed a Corporate Compact, which included supporting the 20 by 20 Goal and a commitment to change their business practices, and to put their Caribbean operations on a more sustainable footing. Several funding agencies and NGOs also attended the Summit as well. Many have agreed to partner with and support the CCI.

At the Summit, a group of public and private funders announced approximately US \$75M in funding commitments to support and aligned with the CCI, including funding for the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) endowment as well as a wide range of short-term funding projects. One key focus of Phase II is to “operationalize” the National Trust Funds that would benefit from CBF.

Eleven (11) governments are currently members of CCI and have formally committed to achieve the two CCI Goals. Members include - The Bahamas, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Grenada.

The CCI Secretariat is in active discussions with two (2) Countries who are interested in joining the CCI and will continue to advance the process for their joining.

The CCI Secretariat also presented an update on the CCI Strategic Plan which included:

- Secretariat Host Country history,
- Secretariat Chair history,
- Secretariat Coordinator history,
- CCI Process Funding sources,
- Next steps for the CCI Secretariat were advanced as
 - Work with member Countries to continue development of National Action Plans,

- Continue development of Website & other communication mechanisms,
 - Create baseline for 20 by 20 Plan Development.
- Review of the Strategic Plan,
- Review of CCI Goals,

Highlight of some of the Strategic Plan's goals include:

- Host Solution Dialogues,
- Update CCI web platform,
- Create Business Action Plans,
- Expand/strengthen marine protected area networks,
- Support sustainable finance mechanisms.

The Grenada Government continues to act as the Host for the Permanent CCI Secretariat and provides administrative and logistical support to the Secretariat. This arrangement was ratified at the meeting through August 2018.

ACHIEVING THE CCI GOALS: BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS

This session focused on identifying the key barriers and solutions to achieve the CCI Goals.

The main points discussed during this session were:

- Need for additional financial resources to ensure attaining the CCI Goals.
- Needs for CCI to reach out to and increase the involvement of the following constituencies:
 - Leaders of CCI Countries, private sector and other partners that can represent CCI at regional and international meetings. Ministers in attendance were specifically encouraged to take up this action.
 - Youth,
 - Academia
- Specific note was made to engage with the Caribbean Tourism Authority in the CCI process.
- Another barrier identified was the need to increase communications and coordination efforts to ensure momentum and progress.

ACHIEVING THE CCI GOALS: STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

The focus of this session was to discuss the potential for establishing a roadmap that would include a Sustainable Finance Roundtable and Second CCI Summit as called by the CCI Leaders Declaration. A discussion paper on this matter was presented to the attendees.

All participants agreed that a Second Summit would be a key step to ensure the CCI's momentum and progress. It was also agreed that a roadmap would need to be developed as well as funding to ensure its success.

The date for the 2nd CCI Summit was suggested to be in late 2017 or early 2018. It was noted that May 2018 marks the 5-year anniversary of the 1st Summit and this could be a suitable date to celebrate five years of progress.

Issues for consideration for preparing and hosting of the 2nd CCI Summit were put forward:

- What would be its objectives?
 - Should the scope of commitments be expanded?
- Is a Financing Round Table needed as part of the Roadmap?
- Should there be a report on the overall state of marine resources?
- Should the Summit seek to launch a third phase of CCI?
- What would the preparatory process look like?
- Where would the funding come from?
- Should an exploratory phase inform a “go, no-go” decision on the 2nd Summit?

Grenada offered to Host the 2nd CCI Summit. While the offer was well received, some participants highlighted that in selecting a host destination a venue with flexible airlines access would be ideal to reduce travel times and costs.

The CCI Secretariat will work on defining a draft roadmap for discussion with the newly formed CCI Steering Committee.

CCI PARTNERSHIP

The focus of this session was to discuss new partnership model for the Caribbean marine environment. A discussion paper was presented to the attendees.

This paper proposed a new model for the CCI process as follows:

- A Participants Assembly would substitute the CCI Council and would meet annually or bi-annually.
- A Steering Committee would be established to handle the ongoing work of the CCI and provide guidance to the CCI Secretariat.

The CCI Council discussed the proposal and agreed to the following:

- Establish the CCI Steering Committee with the following representation:
 - 1) Chair of the CCI Secretariat
 - 2) Senior Country Representative (initially Minister Kenred Dorsett – Bahamas)
 - 3) Senior Partner Representative (initially – Ambassador Lutz Görgens)
 - 4) Senior Private Sector Representative (initially – Tropical Shipping)
 - 5) A Representative of The Nature Conservancy
 - 6) A Representative of the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (initially - Mr. Yabanex Batista, CBF CEO)
 - 7) A Representative from a regional/local NGO
 - 8) A possible eighth member could represent the academia/scientific sector.

The Steering Committee will be supported by the CCI Secretariat Coordinator.

- CCI Participants Assembly – The Council agreed that the Participants Assembly format would be used in the future to bring together the there CCI constituencies – governments, partners, and private sector.

EXPANDING CCI MEMBERSHIP

Prior to the CCI-CBF Week the government of Haiti, represented by the Hon. Minister Simon Desras, Minister of Environment, sent Haiti's endorsement letter to the CCI.

At the Council Meeting, Minister Desras expressed his gratitude for being invited to the meeting and reaffirmed Haiti's commitment to the CCI. The CCI Council Co-chairs and all meeting participants warmly welcomed Haiti to the CCI, which became the eleventh and newest member of the CCI family.

During this session other observer countries also provided remarks:

- **Cuba:** Representatives expressed its gratitude for being invited to participate, acknowledged the accomplishments of member Countries, acknowledged the synergies of goals and indicated they would report back to their Government and would continue to be part of ongoing discussions and events with the CCI.
- **Dominica:** Representatives expressed is gratitude for being invited to participate, acknowledged there was no conservation trust fund in Dominica, and committed to reporting back to other government officials in Dominica.
- **Antigua and Barbuda:** Representatives also expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the CCI Council Meeting.

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND CLOSING

After a day of fruitful discussions Minister Dorsett and Ambassador Görgens summarized the outcomes of the meetings highlighting the following points:

1. There is a momentum around conservation and sustainable development matters of island nations.
2. The progress on CCI Goals can be leveraged to mobilize additional political commitment and financial support to sustain the financial architecture, including the national conservation trust funds.
3. International conferences present an important opportunity to raise the profile of CCI.
4. Appointing a Special Envoy could lead the charge in engaging the various constituent groups.
5. There is a need to actively engage the following stakeholders
 - Youth and allow them to be part of the process
 - Private sector to take up an active role in the engagement of members of the Corporate Compact
 - Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO)
 - Scientific and academia organizations
6. There is a need for developing strategic messages for various audiences (high level, youth, grass roots, private sector, public sector, international partners).
7. It is important to ensure policy coherence with CARICOM, NBSAPs, SDGs and other regional and international organizations, platform and goals.
8. Strengthen the CCI Structure through:

- Establishment of CCI Steering Committee
- CCI Participants Assembly - to meet annually or bi-annually.
- More direct communication and coordination.
- Structured network at the country level.

9. Need for establish a clear modality for engagement with interested partners such as GEF/UNDP.

10.A Second Summit of the CCI would be ideal to:

- Galvanize additional financial resources to support the CCI Goals.
- Engage private sector participation.
- Expand governments' membership.
- Generate media awareness on marine conservation.

The meeting ended with a song performed by Ms. Valcine Stoute, entitled “I have a dream”. The song was received by a resounding ovation.

The CCI Council meeting was closed on September 23rd 2016.

Annex I: Final Agenda

Agenda Overview

Date	Agenda Items
Sunday, September 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants' Arrival
Monday, September 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants' Arrival• CBF Finance Committee Meeting• The Elements of Conservation Trust Funds Investments (open training session)• Windward Island Marine Trail WG (by invitation)• "Pirates of The Caribbean" Welcome Reception
Tuesday, September 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4th CBF Annual Meeting• CBF Dinner
Wednesday, September 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCI-CBF Solutions Dialogue Day 1• CCI-CBF Solutions Dialogue Day Group Activity
Thursday, September 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCI-CBF Solutions Dialogue Day 2• CCI Council Meeting Welcome Dinner-Reception
Friday, September 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCI Council Meeting• CCI-CBF Cocktail Celebration
Saturday, September 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site visit - Soufriere Marine Management Area (SMMA)• Participants' Departure
Sunday, September 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants' Departure



4th CBF Annual Meeting

Draft Agenda

September 19th – 20th, 2016
Bay Gardens Hotel & Coco Palms Hotel
Castries (Rodney Bay), Saint Lucia

Monday, September 19th Venue: Bay Gardens Hotel		
Time	Agenda Item	Session Chair / Presenter
9:00 - 12:30	CBF Finance Committee Meeting (Open to interested participants)	Begonia Conference Room
	Working Coffee Break	Ms. Eleanor Phillips Finance Committee Chair
12:30 -13:30	Lunch	Golden Palms Events Center
13:30 - 14:30	The Elements of Conservation Trust Funds Investments (Open training session)	Begonia Conference Room
		Mr. John Adams UBS
14:30 - 17:30	Windward Island Marine Trail Working Group Meeting (by invitation)	Begonia Conference Room
		WIMT WG
19:00 - 21:30	“Pirates of The Caribbean” Welcome Reception	Black Magic
		Dr. Jens Mackensen CBF Chair
		Mr. Yabanex Batista CBF CEO
		Gov. of Saint Lucia

Tuesday, September 20th
Venue: Golden Palms Events Center

Time	Agenda Item	Session Chair / Presenter
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:10	1. Greetings and Introductions	Dr. Jens Mackensen CBF Chair
9:10 - 9:30	2. Welcome and Keynote Speaker	Government of Saint Lucia
9:30 - 10:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break	
10:00 - 10:10	3. Opening of 4th CBF Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and adoption of the agenda Motion: Adoption of Agenda 	Dr. Jens Mackensen
10:10 - 10:15	4. Observer Status Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haiti Caribbean Biological Corridor Motion: Observer status approval for Haiti Motion: Observer status approval for the Caribbean Biological Corridor 	Ms. Eleanor Phillips CBF Vice Chair and Treasurer Mr. Yabanex Batista Hon. Minister Desras Government of Haiti Mr. Nicasio Viña Director, CBC
10:15 - 11:00	5. CBF- FY16 Year Status Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBF FY16 Status Report NCTFs⁵ and SFMs⁶ Status Overview Review of CBF Secretariat FY16 Budget and Expenses 	Mr. Jens Mackensen Mr. Yabanex Batista
11:00 - 12:30	6. CBF Financial Update and Investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBF Finance Committee Report CBF Investments Report Update 	Ms. Eleanor Phillips Mr. John Adams UBS

⁵ NCTFs – National Conservation Trust Funds

⁶ SFMs- Sustainable Finance Mechanisms

12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	Golden Palms Events Center
13:30 - 15:30	7. CBF Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan Presentation • Discussion • Motion: Approval of CBF 2020 Strategic Plan 	Dr. Jens Mackensen Mr. Yabanex Batista
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 18:00	8. CBF – FY2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of FY17 Annual Work Plan • Motion: Approval of CBF FY16 Annual Work Plan • Review of FY17 Proposed Budget • Motion: Approval of CBF Secretariat FY17 Budget • Appointment of CBF CEO • Motion: CBF CEO Appointment 	Ms. Eleanor Phillips (Annual Work Plan) Dr. Jens Mackensen (Budget and CEO Appointment) Mr. Yabanex Batista
18:00	9. Concluding Remarks and Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next CBF Board Meeting • Motion: Closing of the 4th CBF Annual Meeting 	Mr. Jens Mackensen
19:00	Group Dinner Beach BBQ	Bay Gardens Beach Resort



CCI-CBF Solutions Dialogue Days

September 21st – 22nd, 2016
Bay Gardens Hotel & Coco Palms Hotel
Castries (Rodney Bay), Saint Lucia

SOLUTIONS DIALOGUE (DAY 1): **Achieving the CCI Goals**

Wednesday, September 21st
Venue: Golden Palms Events Center

Co-Chairs:
PS Merina Jessamy, CCI Secretariat Chair
Dr. Jens Mackensen, CBF Chair

Time	Agenda Item	Session Chair
8:00 - 8:30	Registration	
8:30 - 8:40	Opening: Solutions Dialogue	PS Merina Jessamy Chair, CCI Secretariat Dr. Jens Mackensen Chair, CBF
8:40 - 9:00	Keynote Speech	Hon. Minister DaBreo Government of Grenada
9:00 - 10:30	Update on CCI and the Sustainable Finance Architecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CCI 	PS Merina Jessamy Mr. Hayden Redhead Coordinator, CCI

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CBF and National Conservation Trust Funds • Detailed updates on progress toward CCI Goals 	Secretariat Mr. Yabanex Batista CEO, CBF CCI/CBF Countries/ Territories
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10:15 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:30	Update on CCI and the Sustainable Finance Architecture (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CCI • Overview of CBF and National Conservation Trust Funds • Update on progress toward CCI Goals in countries/territories 	PS Merina Jessamy CCI Secretariat CCI/CBF Countries / Territories
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11:30 - 13:00

Co-Chair: Dr. Jens Mackensen

Panel I: Implementing the CCI's 20-by-20 Goal: Achievements and Lessons

Moderator: Ms. Kate Brown, Global Islands Partnership

This panel will focus on case studies of national and regional projects and initiatives that have supported CCI countries and territories in achieving the 20-by-20 CCI Goal (CCI Goal 1). The panelists will provide details on the steps taken to expand marine protected area and/or marine managed areas systems as well as other actions related to effective management of the marine and coastal resources. Panelists will also address the challenges and lessons learned in moving towards to the 20-by-20 Goal (CCI Goal 1).

Panelists:

- Mr. Phillip Weech
Director, Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology – BEST-Commission, Government of the Bahamas
 - Mr. Sylvester Belle
Senior Conservation Officer, Department of Environment,
Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis
 - Government of Grenada (presenter to determined)
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- Dr. Sherry Constantine,
Program Manager, TNC Eastern Caribbean Program
 - Mr. Raimundo Espinoza
Consultant, Coastal Zones Management Program, Government of Puerto Rico

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

**Golden Palms Events
Center**

14:00 - 15:30

Co-Chair: PS Merina Jessamy

Panel II: Implementing the CCI's Sustainable Finance Goal: Achievements and Lessons

Moderator: Mr. Sheldon Cohen, The Nature Conservancy

This panel will focus on case studies on the establishment of the National Conservation Trust Funds (NCTFs) that are expected to become CBF eligible and part of the Caribbean Sustainable Finance Architecture. Establishment of the NCTFs is a key contribution to the sustainable finance goal of the CCI (CCI Goal 2). The panelists will provide details on the steps taken to design and establish the NCTFs, as well as analyzing challenges and lessons learned.

Panelists:

- Mr. Robbie Bovino
Senior Policy Advisor, TNC Caribbean
Presentation: Conservation Trust Funds - Practice Standards
- Dr. Vasantha Chase
Chair, Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund (SLUNCF)
- Mr. David Arias
Technical Director, Fondo MARENA
- Mr. Michael John
Chair, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines Conservation Fund
- Ms. Tessa Claxton (to be confirmed)
Environmental Officer, Government of the British Virgin Islands

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30

Co-Chair: Dr. Jens Mackensen

Panel III: Sustainable Finance Mechanisms

Moderator: Mr. Karimould Chih, Senior Project Manager, KfW

This panel will focus on case studies of national and regional sustainable finance mechanisms that are being designed and established in the region and which will contribute to achieving the sustainable finance goal of the CCI (CCI Goal 2) as well as the CBF match requirements. The panelists will provide details on the steps taken to design and start implementing the mechanisms, as well as analyzing challenges and lessons learned.

Panelists:

- Dr. Helena Jeffery Brown
Director of Operations, Department of Environment,
Government of Antigua and Barbuda
Case Study: SIRF Fund
- Mr. Jerome Smith
Principal Director – Forest Operations, Forestry Department
Government of Jamaica
Case Study: Tourism Enhancement Fund of Jamaica
- Dr. Nicolas Pascal
Director, Blue Finance
Case Study: Blue Finance in the Caribbean
- Mr. Robert Weary
Senior Director, Product Development, TNC
Case study: Debt-Conversions for Conservation and Adaptation
- Dr. Glenn E. Haas
Professor Emeritus, Colorado State University
Case study: Windward Islands Marine Trail

17:30	Concluding Remarks Day 1	PS Merina Jessamy
18:30	Sunset Dinner	Spinnakers Restaurant

**SOLUTIONS DIALOGUE (DAY 2):
Engaging Private Sector and Civil Society**

**Thursday, September 22nd
Venue: Golden Palms Events Center**

**Co-Chairs:
Hon. Minister Dorsett, CCI Council Co-Chair
Government of Saint Lucia**

Time	Agenda Item	Session Chairs
8:30 - 8:45	Registration	
8:45 - 9:00	Opening of Solutions Dialogue Day 2	Co-Chairs

9:00 - 10:30

Co-Chair: Hon. Minister Dorsett

Panel IV: Tourism and Conservation: Impacts and Opportunities

Moderator: To be confirmed

This panel will focus on the links between tourism and conservation. The panelists will address how tourism can be the source of impacts on conservation but also become an opportunity and key ally to advance the conservation action agenda, including providing additional financial resources.

Panelists:

- Ms. Jennifer Alexis
Managing Director, Pure Cerulean
Presentation: Tourism & Conservation- Impacts and Opportunities in the Caribbean
- Dr. Robert Brumbaugh
Integrated Ocean Management Lead, TNC
Presentation: Development by Design
- Ms. Issa Torres
Director of Global Programs, Sustainable Travel International
- Mr. Roderick Cherry
COO, Saint Lucia Hotel and Tourism Association
- Mr. Rolf Hoschtialek

Public Relations Officer, Marine & Yachting Association of Grenada

- Ms. Kim Halbich
President, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Hotel and Tourism Association

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30

Co-Chair: Government of Saint Lucia

Panel V: Engaging Civil Society in Achieving the CCI Goals

Moderator: Ms. Eleanor Phillips, CBF Vice-Chair and TNC Caribbean External Affairs Director

This panel will focus on the importance of further engagement of Caribbean civil society in the CCI at the regional and national levels. The panelists will address how civil society is actively engaged in conservation and sustainable development and how this sector can become an integral part of delivering the CCI Goals.

Panelists:

- Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster
Programme Advisors, CANARI
- Mr. Mitchell Lay
Coordinator, Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations
- Ms. Karetta Crooks Charles
Communications & Advocacy Officer, Saint Lucia National Trust
- Ms. Anita James
National Steering Committee Member, UNDP-GEF SGP Saint Lucia

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Golden Palms Events Center

13:30 - 15:30

Co-Chair: Hon. Minister Dorsett

Panel VI: A Partnership for Regional Environmental Action

Moderator: Mr. Lyes Ferroukhi, UNDP

This panel will focus on the experience of CCI and CBF countries and territories, and partners in joining the CCI and CBF. Why they joined? What can be accomplished through CCI and CBF for the region? What are the challenges and what needs to

improve and be adapted? And where can the CCI and CBF go next? The panel will also address the motivation and interest of new actors (countries, territories and partners) that are interested in engaging with the CCI and CBF.

Part I - Panelists:

- Hon. Ambassador Dr. Lutz Görgens
German Embassy Port-of-Spain
- Government of Saint Lucia (presenter to be confirmed)
- Government of the Dominican Republic (presenter to be confirmed)
- Mr. Mark Zimsky
Sr. Biodiversity Specialist, GEF Secretariat
- Dr. Luis Solórzano
Executive Director, TNC Caribbean

Part II - Panelists:

- Hon. Minister Desras
Ministry of Environment, Government of Haiti
- Ms. Zelma Ochoa (Delegate for Santiago de Cuba Province) and Mr. Pedro Hernández (Advisor, International Relations Directorate)
Ministry of Environment, Government of Cuba
- Mr. Nicasio Viña
Director, Caribbean Biological Corridor
- Mr. Keith Nichols
Project Development Specialist, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (5Cs)

Additional Floor Remarks

15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 16:30	Solutions Dialogue Days Summary of the Chairs	Co-Chairs
16:30	Closing	Co-Chairs
19:00	CCI Council Meeting Welcome Dinner-Reception	Pigeon Island National Park



1st Caribbean Challenge Initiative Council Meeting September 23rd, 2016 Saint Lucia



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1st Caribbean Challenge Initiative Council Meeting

September 23rd, 2016
Bay Gardens Hotel & Coco Palms Hotel
Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia

Co-Chairs:

Hon. Minister Kenred Dorsett, Ministry of Environment and Housing, Government of The Bahamas

Hon. Ambassador Dr. Lutz Görgens, German Embassy Port-of-Spain

Thursday, September 22nd

Time	Agenda Item	Session Chair /Presenter
19:00	CCI Council Meeting Welcome Dinner-Reception	Pigeon Island National Park
		Speakers: CCI Co-Chairs CCI Secretariat Gov. of Saint Lucia

Friday, September 23rd Venue: Golden Palms Events Center		
Time	Agenda Item	Session Chair /Presenter
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome and Opening	Hon. Minister Dorsett
	Keynote Address	Hon. Ambassador Görgens Government of Saint Lucia
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break and Group Photo	
10:00 - 10:15	Islands Commitments and the SDGs	Ms. Kate Brown Executive Director, GLISPA
10:15 - 11:00	CCI Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCI Secretariat Update • CCI Strategic Plan 	Hon. Minister Dorsett CCI Secretariat
11:00 - 12:30	Achieving the CCI Goals: Barriers and Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated Discussion 	Hon. Ambassador Görgens CCI Council
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	Golden Palms Events Center
13:30 - 15:30	Achieving CCI Goals: Strategic Directions and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd CCI Summit: Potential outcomes and draft Roadmap 	Hon. Ambassador Görgens CCI Secretariat
15:30 - 16:30	CCI Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New partnership model for the Caribbean marine environment 	Hon. Minister Dorsett CCI Secretariat
16:30 - 17:00	Expanding the CCI membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New CCI countries and territories • New partners 	Hon. Ambassador Görgens
17:00 - 17:30	Coffee Break	

17:30 - 17:45	Summary of the Co-Chairs	Hon. Minister Dorsett
17:45	Concluding Remarks and Closing	Hon. Ambassador Görgens
19:00 - 21:00	CCI-CBF Cocktail Celebration	Coco Palms Hotel

Saturday, September 24th		
Venue: Soufriere Marine Management Area (SMMA)		
8:00 - 14:00	Site visit - Soufriere Marine Management Area (SMMA)	